

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the energy is transferred utilizing a heat gun.

50. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the directing energy to the edge portion is performed utilizing impulse heating.

51. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the directing energy to the edge portion is performed utilizing radio frequency energy.

52. (New) A method for installing a floor covering having a plurality of modules of textile fiber face material having edges different in appearance from the remainder of the face positioned with abutting edges, comprising:

applying an adhesive to the abutting edges; and

heating the abutting edges and adhesives to bond the abutting edges.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the heating the abutting edges is performed utilizing a heat gun.

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